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SUBJ: NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING - WRAP-UP

SUMMARY: LAST WEEK'S MEETING OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS

PRODUCED THE EXPECTED SWEEPING COMMUNIQUE. IT WAS,

HOWEVER, SPECIFIC IN ITS "CONDEMNATION" OF SOUTH AFRICA

AND CALL FOR ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FORCES.

AT A SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE THE FIVE MINISTERS SPOKE

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FAVORABLY OF A UNGA DISCUSSION OF DISARMAMENT BUT NOT

UNTIL 1978. DURING THEIR PRIVATE MEETINGS, A UN POLICY STUDY WAS COMMISSIONED; KOREA AND TERRORISM DISCUSSED BUT APPARENTLY WITHOUT REACHING CONCLUSIONS. OUR MFA SOURCE PREDICTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DANES WILL VOTE ON KOREA IN THE UNGA AS THEY DID LAST YEAR: SUPPORT BUT NOT COSPONSORSHIP OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND A VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE ONE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUGUST 23, BENT HASSKONSEN, WHO HEADS MFA OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR UN, AFRICAN AND NORDIC AFFAIRS, GAVE POLCOUNS READOUT ON AUGUST 19-20 MEETING IN COPENHAGEN OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS. HAAKONSEN SAID THAT FROM THE DANES' POINT OF VIEW, THE MEETING WAS "PARTICULARLY GOOD". HE SAID HE WANTED ESPECIALLY TO NOTE THAT DURING THE MEETING DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K B ANDERSEN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORDIC FORUM. ANDERSEN, IN HIS REMARKS, OBSERVED THAT THE EC IS OPENING TO NEW MEMBERSHIP - GREECE, PORTUGAL, SPAIN. DENMARK FAVORS THIS IF APPLICANTS DISPLAY ADHERENCE TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES BUT THE RESULT WILL BE THAT THE EC WILL INEVITABLY BE TILTED TO A SOUTHERN EUROPEAN ORIENTATION. IT IS, THEREFORE, SALUTARY THAT DENMARK'S TIES WITH OTHER NORDICS ARE ALREADY INSTITUTIONALIZED.

AGENDA

2. HAAKONSEN RECALLED THAT THE AGENDA FOR LAST WEEK'S MEETINGS WAS SET AT REYKJAVIK AND, AT LEAST FORMALLY, CONCENTRATED ON FEWER ITEMS THAN HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN THE CASE. IT WAS DIVIDED INTO: A) THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN GENERAL; B) CSCE; C) DISARMAMENT; D) AFRICA; E) MISCELLANEOUS.

COMMUNIQUE:

3. THE COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SALT TALKS WOULD SOON RESULT IN "GENUINE DISARMAMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT"; CALLED FOR "EARLY AND REAL PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA MBFR TALKS" AND "INCREASED GUARANTEES" AGAINST THE ADDITIONAL SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; RECITED TRADITIONAL APPEALS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL AND LEBANON IN PARTICULAR; CITED THE UNCTAD IV ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES AS AN "IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD;" URGED

SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE; CALLED FOR "STRENGTHENED RESPECT" FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE AND OTHER VIOLATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS; POINTED TO THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS DIRECTED AGAINST TERRORISM; CALLED FOR A CONTINUED POLICY OF DETENTE; AND NOTED THAT MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCCE FINAL ACT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

4. HAAKONSEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NORDIC COMMUNIQUE ARE USUALLY GENERAL AND UNEXCEPTIONAL. HE BELIEVED THERE WERE SOME IMPORTANT EXCEPTIONS, HOWEVER, IN ONE ISSUED LAST FRIDAY. HE GAVE, AS AN EXAMPLE, THE SECTION DEVOTED TO SOUTH AFRICA WHICH "CONDEMNED" THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA BY THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. THE COMMUNIQUE CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVING SWAPO FULLY IN TALKS--AND IMPLICITLY THE TIMETABLE--LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO EXPRESSED "DISAPPROVAL" OF THE VIOLENCE AND BRUTALITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICA GOVERNMENT DURING THE RACIAL CLASHES THIS SUMMER IN THAT COUNTRY. "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE" TO THE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENT WAS URGED. TRANSKEI WOULD NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS A "STATE" AT THE TIME OF ITS SCHEDULED INDEPENDENCE LATER THIS YEAR.

EAST EUROPE AND DISARMAMENT

5. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE THE AFTERNOON OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUGUST 27, DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K B ANDERSEN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE DO NOT "UNDERSTAND" THAT POLITICAL AND MILITARY DETENTE ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME ISSUE. HE ALSO SAID THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS "SURPRISED" OVER THE INCREASING AIR AND NAVAL ACTIVITIES OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES IN THE BALTIC, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SEE THAT AS AN "ATTEMPT TO REOPEN THE COLD WAR". THE MINISTERS ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR UNGA DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS BUT NOT UNTIL 1978.

UN POLICY STUDY.

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6. HAAKONSEN, IN RELATING ASPECTS OF THE MEETING NOT MADE PUBLIC, SAID THE WORKING LEVEL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES HAD BEEN CHARGED BY THEIR MINISTERS TO RE-STUDY THEIR UN POLICY AS IT AFFECTED SOUTHERN AFRICA. HAAKONSEN SAID THE MINISTERS WANTED TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS SOME WAY TO CONTINUE THEIR ADHERENCE TO TRADITIONAL UN POLICIES WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MOVING TO POSITIONS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT MIGHT RECEIVE MORE SUPPORT FROM
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THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP. IN THE PAST, HAAKONSEN SAID, THE NORDICS HAVE EITHER OPPOSED OR ABSTAINED FROM UN RESOLUTIONS IMPLICITLY JUSTIFYING VIOLENCE AND ARMED STRUGGLE BY AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. HASKONSEN ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO "MODULATE" THIS DANISH ATTITUDE IN ORDER TO MOVE CLOSER IN LINE TO THE UN MAJORITY.

KOREA

7. KOREA AS SUCH WAS ONLY BRIEFLY TOUCHED UPON BY THE MINISTERS THEMSELVES BUT WAS DISCUSSED AT A FOLLOW-UP SESSION OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND UN CHIEFS THE EVENING OF AUGUST 20. HAAKONSEN SAID SWEDISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEIFLAND RECALLED HIS VISIT TO NORTH KOREAN LAST SPRING AND NOTED HIS PROJECTED VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA THIS FALL. HASSKONSEN COMMENTED THAT "EVEN THE SWEDES" FIND THE NORTH KOREANS IRRESPONSIBLE AND PERPLEXING.

8. ALTHOUGH VOTING POSITIONS WERE APPARENTLY NOT ADDRESSED BECAUSE OF THE ASSERTED LACK OF TIME TO STUDY THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, HAAKONSEN BELIEVES THAT AS LEAST THE DANES WILL COME DOWN AS THEY DID LAST YEAR: SUPPORT BUT NOT COSPONSORSHIP OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND A VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE ONE. HAAKONSEN SAID THIS "PRELIMINARY" POSITION WAS COMMUNICATED TO THEIR MISSION IN NEW YORK AUGUST 20. HE SAID DANISH POLICY ON KOREA IS STILL REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE DANISH REPRESENTATIVE, OLE BIERRING, IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE LAST YEAR: RECOGNITION OF THE INDISPENSABILITY OF SOUTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN ANY DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE PENINUSLA AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT A SOVEREIGN STATE CAN REQUEST AND RECEIVE FOREIGN FORCES ON ITS SOIL.

TERRORISM

9. CONTRARY TO SOME EARLIER REPORTS, THE DANES DID
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NOT SPEAK IN BEHALF OF THE NINE IN SUPPORT OF A UN RESOLUTION AGAINST TERRORISM ALONG THE LINES OF THE GERMAN PROPOSAL. THE DANES DID DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL

GENERALLY WITH THE OTHER NORIDCS BUT HAAKONSEN NOTED THAT THE PROPOSAL ITSELF AND TACTICS SURROUNDING IT WERE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AMONG THE NINE. HE SAID "EVERYONE" OF THE NORDICS AND THE NINE FAVOR THE GERMAN IDEA IN PRINCIPLE. BUT THE DANES, AT LEAST, WONDER ABOUT THE REALISM OF INTRODUCING SUCH A CONCRETE PROPOSAL DURING THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HAAKONNSEN ALSO NOTED THAT THE NINE WILL CONTINUE CONVERSATIONS ON THE GERMAN PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK IN THE HAGUE.

GOVENOR SCRANTON'S VISIT

10. HAAKONSEN STRESSED AGAIN HOW USEFUL THE DANES HAD FOUND GOVENOR SCRANTON'S VISIT IN JULY WHICH WAS REFERRED TO BY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING. HAAKONSEN WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT SCRANTON'S PRESENTATION WAS ALREADY FAMILIAR TO THE OTHER NORDICS SINCE IT HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THEM BY THE DANES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GOVENOR'S VISIT AND WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED IN REYKJAVIK. LUKENS

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